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1. SP-1000 gave you the highlights of the initial Operation "CASAR" proposed by VITPEP and immediately turned down by St. Johns and Sones of POB. Further details are contained in VITPEP memo 4-64, copy attached.

2. In August 1952, (operated by GVL in summer '52) made a bid for fame by spotting a couple of really hot operators, fresh from Rumania, via Yugoslavia. To be sure of his triumph, he arranged with a friend at the Bavarian border police to turn his back while our men brought in their prize, triumphantly announced to GVL as ready for extensive labor and operational use. V-27/0.2 was tipped off on the existence of these gems by 'X', an as yet unidentified individual in Austria, possibly a "G", an unidentified ex-employee of the SHANDENBURG Div., who is in contact with the FBI AUSA @ STANFORD & AUSA @ San MATEO @ MARCEL GOLDMANN @ MAYHEM.

3. You are arranged to put up the trip of Frau Olga KONTAJER, in Bad Ischl, Austria, born 1912, and also WELSH, a German German Refugee in Osterreich, via. Prien Chamber. From our MOS cards, we identified the letter as Dr. Prof. Friedrich WATZLARG & DR. LANG & DR. WELSH & Dr. SCHMIDT, born 26 May 1906 in Vienna, dropped by ZEPPELIN in Bonn. He is leader of the SUD-OST FORSCHUNGS-STEILE in Munich. ZEPPELIN reported recently. He works with Joachim OSTER for Bonn and also has close contacts with the French High Commissioner for Germany. (See also Inter-Office MEMO dated 1944-1945.)

4. The unit was composed of:

a. JOE HANJARIT & et al., ex-convicts, in the PRINZENTHURM Div. and a known peddler, who was in contact with JOSEPH DAHN (ex-ZIPPER) et al. M. is still in contact with Peter & CONSTANTIN & JOAN, ex-ZIPPER et al. and known peddler, believed to be currently acting as an agent for the YUG. IS. (See SIA-2424.)

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MARGARIT appears to have acted only as middleman with V-2770.2; he drops out of the picture. ZIPPER refers to him herein as MAXEL or "A-3", and dismisses him as a schmook.

b. Alleged ex-Rumanian Navy capt. (allegedly brought back from Rumania, through Yugoslavia, by [redacted]) Alexandra BOTEL @ Alexandra GHEORGHIU @ MELU. b. 15 Jan 1915 in Galati, Rumania; 170 cm. tall, slender, black hair, water blue eyes, said to have been stationed in Konstanz and to have been navigation officer on the "LIBERTY" (former royal yacht). ZIPPER refers to him by crypto "KAPITAN" or by designation "A1", and likewise classes him as a schmook.

c. [redacted] @ Decebel AUREL, "a Macedonian river pilot, born 31 March '24 in Braila" is referred to by ZIPPER as "PIRAT" or "A-2". He made a good impression on ZIPPER, which sent down a couple of its crack [redacted] interrogators (V-2907 and V-2860) to debrief him. It was then that [redacted] told of his recruitment and training for an American executive action, as signalled in SPULL-4775. We are still awaiting the detailed interrogation report, which has been promised to us, but delayed by the sickness of the ZIPPER headquarters CE case officer (RISCHKE-40/F-1). Verbally, we were told that it revealed that GROSSBAHN obtains part of his material from CONSTANTINESCU.

5. On 27 January '53, POB representatives [redacted] and [redacted] met [redacted] of the Rumanian desk from COM in order to coordinate and obtain necessary guidance for disposition of this abortive ZIPPER case.

6. This discussion revealed a unanimous belief that [redacted] had not been in Rumania in the summer, fall, or winter of '52, though he undoubtedly in Yugoslavia. From there he mailed letters to the Munich cut-out of "Maj. Grant" on the 12th, 13th of November and the 7th of Dec. '52; in the latter he gave the address of the Bad Ischl pension at which he was staying (see para. 3, above) and asked that Maj. Grant come to see him. The cut-out did go to Bad Ischl and talked with the landlady, from whom he learned that paras. 4b and 4c, above, were brought to the pension by para. 4a, who brought a "German from Munich (prob. V-2770.2), an ex-Navy captain (?), now an engineer, who took photographs of the individuals and promised them money, guns and special suits for swimming the Danube (probably just the thing they wanted to do in December!). He arrived in a grey car bearing Bavarian AB license plates; he was described as 165-170 cm. tall, b. ca. 1900, grey hair, long face, long nose.

7. It was agreed that the best course of action would be to have ZIPPER return the two Rumanians to Austria in the same manner that they were brought in. ZIPPER headquarters agreed also. However, the Rumanians refused to return to Austria; they had already set off on their own to find "Maj. Grant"; they are probably in the Munich area now, possibly having established the desired contact with a US [redacted]. This answers EGQW-4057.

It is believed that "X" of para. 2, above, (who may also be id/w. "X") was [redacted] KRAUTSBERGER (phonetic), on whom we have the following possible traces:

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a. O/Lt. Dr. fnu KRAUTSBERGER, b. ca. 1915 in Karlsbad, 5'5" tall, brown hair, stout build, leader of Caucasian volunteer group in Salonika; attached to Abwehr. (EGLA-292 from 1st detailed interrogation, Intell. Gen., Austria 7 Mar. '46 of TILL).

b. German Primer: O/Lt. KRAUTSBERGER, German, Ast Bucharest in April '41; in Aug. '42 was in hospital in Germany, but in Dec. '42 was appt'd to command Meldetrupp 250* in Tunisia; wounded in Jan. '43 and sent home to Germany, having been awarded Iron Cross (Class I); posted to Ast Salonika in July '43; in Sept. attended a Gruppe II conference; still in Salonika in July '44, commanding his Trupp.

*(Sabotage, would fit in with BRANDENBURG Div. description)

9. V-2770.2 we have possibly identified as one SALAZAR or SALABAR (phonetic, could be SALIBAR, SZILIZAR, etc.) @ EDER. We should appreciate your help in identifying him definitely. We know that during WWII he was the head of See Einsatz Schwarzes Meer, made up of Georgians, Macedonians and other inhabitants of the Black Sea area. His probable description is given in para. 6, above, @ KUTZBACH (40/W and 40/P-2) has stated that he knew him personally from wartime days when V-2770.2 was chief II agent of Ast Breslau in '38, subsequently with the BRANDENBURG Div. He is a Sudeten German. (AL Xavier EDER, "carpenter", lives on same floor as Prof. OBERLAENDER, below).

NOTE: According to ZIPPER, he is in touch with the OST EUROPA INSTITUT, Munich, through Prof. KOCH (EGLA-2293) and Prof. Theodor OBERLAENDER, Munich, Tirolerplatz 5/3 ('53 city dir.) prev. Reichenbachstr. 19, tel. 2 38 09 ('52 tel. dir.), (MGKW-6399, MGKA-27621, MGLA-12873, EGLA-1498, et al). We believe Prof. KOCH (Protestant Minister from British zone Austria) to be id/w. KOCH, Hans Prof. Dr. ev. theol. et phil., b. 7 July 1894 in Lemberg; formerly resided Aich-Assach/Steiermark, Austria (Moved to Munich), whose writings on religion and eastern Europe are listed on p. 1047 of Kuerschners Deutscher Gelehrten Kalender ('50). See also att. to MGLA-12279 (member Vorstand, Deutschen Gesellschaft fuer Osteuropakunde). We do not know whether or not he is id/w. Prof. Hans Joachim KOCH, Univ. Lektor u. Hochschullehrent. Munich 13, Ainmillerstr. 35/3, tel. 3 44 13 listed in '52 Munich tel. dir.

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